

School of Health and Social Care, Community and Health Research Group

RESEARCH NEWS

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<http://communityandhealth.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/2010/10/04/welcome/>

NEXT UNI/NHS RESEARCH FORUM:

13 July 2011, 1130 - 1400, further details at:
<http://communityandhealth.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/2011/04/27/nhsuniversity-research-forum-13-july-2011-11-30-14-00hrs/>

EVENTS

** Research Cafés **

Informal meetings where researchers can chat in a supportive environment, that can help to shape both the presenter's and those in the audience views about all things 'research'.

Research café 23rd February 2011

A presentation was given by Iqbal Mohammad of the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Iqbal's research for his PhD and the subject of his presentation was "Improving prehospital pain management: developing a tool for use by ambulance paramedics to improve patient care in prehospital setting". A useful and interesting session in which both presenter and attendees discussed research methods.



Research café 22ND June 2011

A very well attended event held in Bridge House, which focused on providing advice and guidance on writing health research bids. Zowie Davy, Research Fellow, Health & Social Care presented her 'work in progress' on a current research bid, and advice and guidance was available from Jane Dyas and Raj Mehta from the NIHR, East Midlands Research Design Service as well as David Young from the Research Office and Niro Siriwardena, Professor of Primary and Prehospital Care, both from the University of Lincoln

Future Research Café Dates will be posted shortly on the SHSC Community and Health Blog (see above)

University/NHS Research Forum

The next Research Forum (jointly organised by the NHS Lincolnshire/SHSC Community and Health Research Group) is on 13th July at 11.30am in MB1019.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care conference

Between the 5th and 8th April a team from the School of Health and Social Care and colleagues from the East Midlands ambulance service travelled to Amsterdam for the 16th Annual International forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare. Professor Niro Siriwardena and Fiona Togher displayed their poster "A case study approach to understand how quality improvement methods led to improvements in primary care for Insomnia" along with around 500 other posters from over 60 countries.

The large and varied programme of sessions on offer were based around the theme of 'better health, safer care, lower costs' and considered how practically as academics and health care professionals these issues could realistically be addressed.

The representation at the conference from so many different countries was excellent and enabled the delegates to gain a much better understanding of some of the issues that other countries face in improving quality of health care as well as the opportunity to learn from others about methods and techniques that they may not previously have considered.

The key note speeches were outstanding; one of the best that was given was by a lady called Kathy Torpie; a patient representative and psychologist who provided a humbling account of the patient experience in hospital following horrific injuries in a car crash. Kathy's speech reminded the audience of why they were really at the conference in the first place: to improve patient care and experience.

The conference was thoroughly enjoyable, inspiring and generated many ideas for the attendees to mull over and I think it is fair to say that the team would very much like to attend next years conference in Paris!

Seminar held 30 March 2011 - Insomnia and sleeping tablets: a European perspective

At a well-attended seminar on 30th March academics from Universities of Ghent and Antwerp in Belgium presented at University of Lincoln. Sibyl Anthierens (medical sociologist) presented on "Benzodiazepines: sleeping through the problem". This included the perception of general practitioners, patients and nurses on initiating (or avoiding) benzodiazepines in primary care.

This was followed by Thoen Anke (general practitioner) speaking about e-learning specifically an interactive e-module including several tools and interventions useful within a benzodiazepine-consultation to support GPs.

Prof Thierry Christiaens (general practitioner, clinical pharmacologist and professor of general practice) then described an experimental life training programme set up with a simulation patient to look at the effect of possible interventions/tools within a benzodiazepine consultation.

Finally, Hanne Creupelandt (clinical psychologist) spoke about interactive meetings with GPs in local quality groups discussing the non- pharmacological approach of insomnia, anxiety, stress and benzodiazepine withdrawal.

Good working links have been formed with our European colleagues in Belgium particularly in the area of insomnia and benzodiazepines.

Representations of transgender: new book chapter

Zowie Davy (University of Lincoln) and Eliza Steinbock (University of Amsterdam)

The sexualisation of transgender is a thorny issue due to the negative undertones within sexological texts. After many years of being on the one hand, silenced about sexuality or on the other hyper-sexualized, for fear of being pigeon-holed as unworthy recipients of medical interventions by the medical teams providing healthcare, transsexual and transgender people have started to explore and produce their "sexual bodies" and represent them in novel ways through prose, poetry and pornographic film. 'The political move

that illustrates the wider 'spectra of desire' (Stryker, 2006) and experiences of trans-sexuality was announced to be politically important as a way of shifting stereotypical associations surrounding transgender and sexuality generally. These projects of sexual representation rely on transforming spaces and discourses within cultural mediums in which transpeople explore their sexuality. Pornography and erotica are two sites that offer personalized accounts of trans-sexuality that often speaks back to their medicalization. We argue that Queer and camp aesthetics are intrinsic to these personal explorations and representations. In the words of Kate Bornstein (1994: 163), over a decade ago, these productions offer "irreverence for the established order" and incorporate the "often dizzying use of paradox" which underpins the analysis presented in this article. Using textual data, we illustrate that transsexualism and transgenderism are not solely about gender, as a core characteristic, and suggest that sexuality is part of trans subjectivity too. We further suggest that new representations of trans-sexuality pose an ideological challenge to the medical policy and practices surrounding transgender medicalization and the sedated ideas surrounding transpeople as either non-sexual or hyper-sexual. This analytical focus will allow for new conceptualizations of trans-sexuality.

1. Davy, Z. and E. Steinbock, '*Sexing Up' Bodily Aesthetics: Notes towards theorizing Trans Sexuality*, in *Sexualities: Past Reflections and Future Directions*, S. Hines and Y. Taylor, Editors. 2011 Forthcoming, Palgrave Macmillan: Basingstoke.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: Institutional Repository entries for Lincoln School of Health & Social Care: 1 March to 30 June 2011

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EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

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